

WHEREAS, October 20, 1923, marked the entry into the world at White Lake, South Dakota, of one Jay M. Barns, son of LeRoy B. and Mona M. Barns; and,

WHEREAS, Jay is a graduate of White Lake Public High School, Dakota Wesleyan University and the College of Mortuary Science, St. Louis, Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, Jay is an active participant in many civic and community organizations, including the Elks Club, Masonic Lodge, Shrine Consistory, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lions International, and the National Guard Officers Association; and,

WHEREAS, Jay is a very active member of the South Dakota National Guard, having been appointed a First Lieutenant on May 4, 1951, and achieving the rank of Colonel on September 15, 1976; and,

WHEREAS, This year marks Jay's twenty-second year of assistance with the Officers Candidate School, where he has been an inspiration to Officer Candidate School graduates and Non-Commissioned Officers; and,

WHEREAS, Because of his dedicated service to the National Guard, Jay has become known as "Mr. National Guard" of Mitchell, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, In addition to the inspiration and guidance which Jay has rendered to members of the National Guard, he has also made a significant contribution to the social life of the Guard, and is a friend to all who know him; and,

WHEREAS, Jay has "carried the water" for many of his fellowmen who needed assistance along the way; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the Governor recognize and honor Jay Barns for his many fine contributions to the National Guard and to his fellow citizens of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 1, 1977, Graduation Day at the Armed Forces Reserve Center, Rapid City, as

COLONEL JAY M. BARNES DAY

in South Dakota, and join with his many friends in extending to him our sincere thanks and appreciation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, this 30th Day of June, 1977.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Lorna B. Herseeth*  
LORNA B. HERSEETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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